

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Yasuo Ishiguro

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For: DATA SEARCHING APPARATUS

Patent Examiner: Badawi, Sherief

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**LETTER**

**ATTN: EXAMINER BADAWI**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Examiner Badawi:

The recent Office Action contended that Claim 15 was an independent claim and somehow independent from the subject matter claimed in independent Claim 1.

Actually, Claim 15 is a dependent claim from independent Claim 1, and simply provides a further definition of specific data entry fields in the various categories of data entry fields as already defined in Lines 17-18 of independent Claim 1.

It is, accordingly, requested that this Restriction Requirement be reconsidered, and an Action on the merits be provided on dependent Claim 15.

If there are any questions, the undersigned attorney can be contacted at the listed phone number.

Very truly yours,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Price', is written over a horizontal line.

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